AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1.-4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Currently amended) A <u>purified</u> polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 <u>2</u>.
- 6. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 5 wherein the polypeptide A purified nucleic acid sequence that comprises the amino nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:[4] 1.
- 7. (Currently amended) A <u>purified polypeptide</u> chicken GHRH receptor comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 4 or an amino acid sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:5 4 by [1-3] one or more conservative amino acid substitutions and which binds human GHRH and the chicken GHRH polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 8. 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Currently amended) A <u>purified</u> nucleic acid sequence encoding the chicken GHRH receptor, said sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
 - 16. 17. (Canceled)